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AD HOC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE ON PROJECT AQUATONE (ARC)

**Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 214
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 10:00 a.m., 19 November 1957**

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**James Q. Reber
Chairman**

**Colonel William A. Dodds, OACSI
Colonel Quintin S. Lander, OACSI
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Colonel James H. Macia, Jr., AFCIN
Colonel Charles P. Richman, AFCIN
Lt. Col. George J. Keithley, AFCIN
Mr. Eugene H. Barnard, AFCIN**

**Mr. Wallace R. Lampshire, CIA
Mr. William A. Tidwell, Jr., CIA**

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System Three Reports

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3. The Chairman stated that [] of NSA had informed him that four Completed Mission Reports are now being disseminated and that these include such significant information as may have been identified in the read-out of System Three tapes from the respective missions. In order to insure that it miss no relevant information derived from System Three tapes, the Project Intelligence Officer is currently examining the rough translations of tape transcriptions prepared by NSA. Inasmuch as these translations are not prepared in a form for dissemination as a report, and since it is believed by NSA that the preparation of such complete report would not be of use, no general dissemination within the system will be made. However, both [] had agreed that designated representatives of Committee members may by special arrangement with [] visit the Ops center for the purpose of examining this material in order to satisfy themselves as to the utility of the information.

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4. [] agreed that NSA would issue a statement, even if negative, as to the information obtained in connection with the read-out of each of the System Three tapes.

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Deletions to Target Listings

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5. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee agreed to the following proposal, submitted by [] as a means of providing to Operations current advice with regard to lesser priority targets to be considered in connection with mission planning, principal points of which, of course, remain highest priority targets.

At the time the plots for a given mission are completed, HTAUTOMAT will take the following steps:

A. Record the coordinates of the coverage made good, excluding all cloud covered areas or partially covered areas, etc.

B. Punch these coordinates into machine tabulating cards (IBM).

C. Match these IBM cards with the master deck of IBM cards containing low priority targets (identified in the existing Target Listings as Z-1, Z-2, and Z-3 priority targets).

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D. Matching cards will be listed and copies of this listing will be disseminated to all ARC members for deletion consideration.

E. At a subsequent ARC meeting, these deletions will be discussed. Any targets which are felt must remain in the Target Listings must be justified before the ARC.

F. A special listing of these deletions will be prepared for the Director of Operations, Project Headquarters, to aid in mission planning.

Request for Authority for New AQUATONE Coverage

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7. The Chairman reported that the Project Director had informed him this morning that as soon as possible a request would be made to the President for authority to engage in operations to cover the targets recommended in its revised broad requirements program of 9 October 1957 [redacted] with highest emphasis being placed upon the permission to cover the targets involved in the long range bomber program.

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Target Map

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8. The Chairman reported that [redacted] was preparing photographic reproductions of the highest priority target map now in use by Operations. These reproductions will be disseminated with this Minute. [redacted] The Chairman stated that this map in the hands of all Committee members would serve as a considerable convenience for reference and telephonic discussions when required.

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System Five for the Far East

9. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee agreed that it did not recommend the use of System Five for peripheral flights in the Far East inasmuch as it could

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meet no priority requirements though the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee interposed no objection if for operational reasons it were determined that such flights were desirable. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee recognizes that the ELINT OB collectible by this means would be of use.


JAMES Q. REBER
Chairman

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